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AMENDMENT "A"

APPLICANTS: Gettwart et al. GROUP ART UNIT: 3629
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TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROCESSING POSTAL MATTER AND
POSTAL MATTER PROCESSING SYSTEM"

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In response to the Office Action dated October 28, 2002, Applicants hereby
amend the application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph immediately below the heading "Field of the Invention" has
been amended as follows:

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The present invention is directed to a method for processing postal matter and
a postal matter processing system which allow staggered postal matter processing
and are suited for use with multiple carriers.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for processing postal matter comprising the
steps of: